

## Rights of the Victim and Protection of Victim and Witnesses

Victims have the following rights according to AR 27-10, Section 18-10:

Rights of the Victim	
1	The right to be treated with fairness, dignity, and a respect for privacy
2	The right to be reasonably protected from the accused offender
3	The right to be notified of court proceedings
4	The right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense, unless the court determines that testimony by the victim would be materially affected if the victim heard other testimony at trial, or for other good cause
5	The right to confer with the attorney for the government in the case
6	The right to information regarding conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, and release of the offender from custody
7	The right to elect either restricted or unrestricted reporting

Victims and Witnesses are protected as follows:

Protection of Victims and Witnesses	
1	Commanders protect victims by using administrative and criminal sanctions. Personnel in the Office of The Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA) ensure that victims and witnesses are advised that their rights are protected by administrative and criminal sanctions.
2	In cases where the life, well-being, or safety of a victim or witness is jeopardized by his or her participation in the criminal investigation or prosecution process, the victim should report these matters to the chain of command, law enforcement, government prosecutor, or victim/witness liaison.
3	At courts-martial and investigative proceedings, victims and Government witnesses should be given the opportunity to wait in an area separate from the accused or defense witnesses to avoid embarrassment, coercion, or similar emotional distress.
4	A Victim/Witness Liaison may act as an intermediary between a witness and representatives of the Government and the defense for the purpose of arranging witness interviews in preparation for trial.